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1. (amended) A microwave communication network that overlays a public switched telephone network comprising:

a plurality of microwave transceivers forming a microwave network which overlays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically located so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) between two or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC).

Please replace claim 7 with the following amended version thereof to incorporate the revisions set forth on the accompanying mark-up page.



- 7. (amended) A method of providing wireless bandwidth in a microwave network which overlays a public switched telephone network comprising the steps of:
  - (1) forming a microwave network from a plurality of microwave transceivers, said microwave network overlaying said public switched telephone network;
- (2) geographically arranging said transceivers so as to provide wireless interoffice facility (IOF) between two or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC).

Please replace claim 8 with the following amended version thereof to incorporate the revisions set forth on the accompanying mark-up page.



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8. (amended) A microwave communication network that overlays a public switched telephone network comprising:

a plurality of microwave transceivers forming a microwave network which overlays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically located so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) between one or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange



carrier (ILEC) and one or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by a common carrier other than said ILEC.

Please replace claim 14 with the following amended version thereof to incorporate the revisions set forth on the accompanying mark-up page.

- 14. (amended) A method of providing wireless bandwidth in a microwave network which overlays a public switched telephone network comprising the steps of:
  - (1) forming a microwave network from a plurality of microwave transceivers, said microwave network overlaying said public switched telephone network;
- (2) geographically arranging said transceivers so as to provide wireless interoffice facility (IOF) between one or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) and one or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by a common carrier other than said ILEC.

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